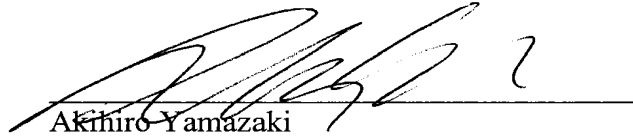


In the present application, Claims 1-12 are directed to vehicle air-conditioning apparatuses, Claims 13-16 to vehicle air-conditioning heat releasing devices, Claims 17-22 to vehicle air-conditioning methods, and Claim 23 to a vehicle equipped with the vehicle air-conditioning apparatus. Hence, it appears that all the claims in the present application are part of an overlapping search area and that a search for Claims 1-3, 13-16 and 23 would necessarily include the class and subclass required for a search directed to the rest of the claims. It is therefore believed that there is no undue burden on the Examiner to search all claims under MPEP §803, and Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction and Election of Species Requirements on the grounds that a search and examination of all the claims would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding Restriction and Election of Species Requirements be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of each of Claims 1-23 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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